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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification; and**

**Remarks.**